

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, and 7 are now pending in the application. Claims 2-5 have been allowed. Claims 1, 6 and 8 are cancelled. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 2 and is in condition for allowance. The amendments which cancel a claim and bring the application in condition for allowance comply with 37 CFR § 1.116 and MPEP § 714.12, which provide for amendments after final rejection or action. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hidaka et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,933,915). With respect to claim 1, the rejection is rendered moot by cancellation. With respect to claim 7, the rejection is rendered moot by amendment of claim 7 to depend from claim 2, which is currently allowed. Therefore, claim 7 is also in condition for allowance and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. As set forth above, the amendments comply with 27 CFR § 1.116 and MPEP § 714.12.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

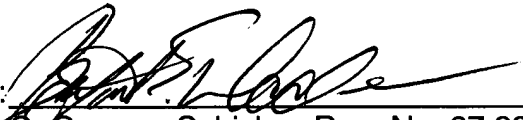
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CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly accommodated or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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